GEO. E. ROSS CAUGHT

EMBEZZLING EXPRESS CLERK AR-RESTED AT BATON ROUGE,

WAS PASSING AS J. N. WALLACE.

DENIED HIS IDENTITY AND REFUS-ED TO MAKE A CONFESSION.

Pinkerton Detectives Have Been of His Trail During the Past Two Weeks-Will Be Brought to Bansas City-He Stole \$1,500.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 12.-(Special.) Chief of Police Hare and Deputy Sherift Steve Miller arrested late last night, at Posey's Verandah hotel, J. N. Waliace, and lodged him in the parish juli. Wallace low been in this city about two weeks had no haggage and seemed to be well suppiled with money. He is supposed to be George E. Ross, wanted in Kansas City Mo., on a charge of embezzling \$1,500 from the Pacific Express Company. A reward of \$200 had been offered for his arrest, which will be claimed by the Baton Rouge officials. The officers of the company have

When arrested, Wallace, alias Ross, was ns cool as a cucumber. He expressed no fear of the consequences and refused to make any statement, saying that nothing he could say would do him any good. The Journal correspondent visited him to-night and found him in a dogged, indifferent disposition; the only thing that seemed to interest him being the arrangements for the return trip to Kansas City. The officers have the picture of Ross, which is a true likeness of the man now in custody, who contends that his name is J. N. Wallace. The only difference is in the mus-They think they have the right

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 12 - (Special.) Presi dent Morseman, of the Pacific Express Company, received a telegram to-night telling of the arrest of George E. Ross, the man who stole two money packages from the company, at Baton Rouge, La. to-day. Orders were at once given to send a man after Ross, and the company will prosecute him to the limit. The amount of his peculations is \$1,500.

Three weeks ago to-day George E. Ross did his last work for the express companies. He left the depot at 7:15 p. m., and it was supposed he had gone directly It was claimed that he was seen about the depot about 2 o'clock the fol-lowing morning, just prior to the departure the Missouri Pacific fast train for the

but nothing was thought of that fact until noon, when word was sent to his house and it was found be had not been at home the night before. A hasty examination of the officer convinced the officers that packages pany, in St. Joseph.

busy dodging up and down the Mispi river from New Orleans to St.
for ten days.
In the busy of the expression of the conference of the land been of the parties of the Pacific and United a companies at the Union depot. In position he was intrusted with great of money,
and the left he handled more than the land of the land busy of the land busy

is papers from Governor Stone and ex-tes to have no trouble in getting him is to Kansan City. If there are no de-a he will return Thursday evening, while the express officials give Ross stage as \$1,500, it is generally conceded carried away a much larger aum.

MURDER NEAR TIPTON, MO. Mrs. William Hirdsong Found Dead in

Her Front Vard-Robbery the Motive.

Tipton, Mo., Dec. 12-(Special) Last. night Mrs. William Birdsong was murdered at her home, four miles cost of here. She was found in the front yard dead, her threat cut on both sides and with a gun shot wound under her right shoulder The attention of some passersby was attracted by the burning of her is supposed to have been the motive. The rome money. They are highly respected in the community. Mr. Birdsong was absent from home at the time of the murder the purpose of offering a reward for towards capturing the murderer. An at-

HIGHWAYMEN SENTENCED.

Two Tramps Get Ten Years Each for Robbing Three Kansas Boys of 87.

Salina, Kus., Dec. 12 - (Special.) Andrew Johnson and lide and Manning have been sentenced in district court to ten years. bery. They belonged to a gang of tramps the lown ponitonitary for safe-or He claims to be a printer, and testined that he operated a imotype on the Kansas City World a few days previous to coming

Unable to Give Bond.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) Isna B. Redway, who was accessed for forger Lest night in Warrenstory by Deputy Sher ance on Monday, and was placed in Juli. He is charged with assisting his brother to swindle two Scialia banks out of \$7,399

BANK ROBBERS AT WORK.

Fail in Attempts to Crack Safes at Chula and Lock Springs, Missouri.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 12.-(Special.) A gang of country bank robbers is infesting this section of the country. Little money | PEFFER AND BREIDENTHAL IN THE has been secured as yet. An attempt was made Wednesday night to crack the safe of the bank at Chula, this county, ten miles northeast of this city, but the safe | Ed Little Developing Much Strengthwithstood the shock and the robbers se cured only a small sum which was left

Friday night the safe of the bank at Lock Springs. Daviess county, fifteen miles porthwest of this city, was dynamited, bu the robbers again failed to get to the money and left empty handed

Craps Lend to Probable Marder. Unionville, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) In a ow which originated over a dispute in rup game, John Bailey (white) struck Bill Reed (colored), cracking his skull, thought Reed will not survive. Bailey has left. Bill Leek, a witness to the row, was put on the rockpile to pay an old line, but ound an opportunity to give "leg bail,"

Burglars at Lucerne.

Unionville, Mo., Dec. 12.-(Special.) Burglars entered Lowery Bros, store at Les-cerne last night and procured three sults of clothes and the overcoats. Their iden-

FATAL PLAY ON THE ICE. Bodies of Three Children Found at the Bottom of a Mill-

pond. Nashua, N. H., Dec. 12.-The bodies of two girls and a boy, aged 7, 8 and 11 respectively, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, of Brookline, N. H., were taken from the old millpond there to-day. The children started yesterday at the usual hour to attend school, but stopped They carried their dinners with them, nd it was not until dark that their failure to return was noticed. When it was asceraired that the children had not been at school, a search of the surrounding district was made, and at a late bour the ice on the millpond was found frezen. To-day nearly the whole population turned out, and after a long search the bodies were found in the water.

Edward Farnsworth, father of the browned children, disappeared soon after the bodies were found, and has not been seen up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. The townspeople who joined in the search for the children are now engaged in scouring the vicinity for traces of the father. He was greatly overcome by the death of his children, and & is feared that his mind has become unhalanced. Suicille is considered

Boy Run Over by a Train.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec.12.—(Special.) Charles Gallant, aged 13 years, whose home is at Elyond, Kas., opposite this city, was run bound Eli train at Fourth and Monterey streets to-day. Both his legs were cut off and he will die. The boy is a son of Frank Gallant, of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Com-

bad been taken and the surety company that furnished Ross' bond was notified and the Pinkertons were put on the case.

It was Tuesday before a reliable clue was found and the hunt began, but it has been kept up so persistently that within a week they were on his trail, and he has been kept bissy dodging up and down the Missielph river from New Orleans to St. Louis for ten 6-18.

Went to Sleep on the Track,

Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 11.—(Special.) Thomas Carlson, of Company R. Twen-deth infantry, was run over by an electric ar on South Fourth street to-night and estantly killed. Carlson was badly olliew. His head was all but severed frais body, and his skull was crushed

Paid Dearly for Rashness.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 12.—Ree Hall and oe Willet, of Wedonia, were killed nerhis afternoon by the Fast Flying Virginian way, in front of which they rashly at tempped to drive a buggy.

Tight Rope Walker Falls.

Vinita, 1. T., Dec. 12.-(Special.) An itin rant tightrope walker was performing over a street in Vinita to-day when the main cope broke, letting him fall headlong to

he ground. He is fatally wounded. A LARGE REAL ESTATE SALE.

Property Valued at 805,000 Changes

Hands in One Deal. One of the largest sales of Kansas City real estate for many months was closed vesterday when \$5 000 worth of property changed hands in one deal. The property consisted of a five story brick building with a fifty foot stone front at 121 and 125 Main street; fifty feet of ground on the west side of Grand avenue, between oundations already built for two buildings, which will soon be erected as ter ground at the southeast corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets. This property was sold by E. S. Truitt & Co. to K. B. Armoor, L. E. James and G. W. Tourtello.

ESCAPED WITH GEORGE TAYLOR. are not well off, but always have boney. They are highly respected in Frank Martin, Wanted in Carrollton,

Located in a Colorado Juil. Detective John Hoves returned from Canon City, Col., last night, where he identihed a man in juil there as Frank Martin, alius Harris, who escaped from the Carrollton. Mo., jail at the time George Taylor ameron, but escaped from the sheriff at the depot and came to Kansas City, where Detectives Hayen and Bryant ar-rested him and he was turned over to the He will be turned over to the Carrollton officials when his term of nine months is

finished there next month. Assers Exceed Limbilities.

Clinton, Mo., Dec. i2.—(Special.) The assignees of the Henry County bank have sets-Notes, \$12,457.21; real estate, \$22.20; personal property, \$20,156.67; cash on de-posit, \$5,876.87; total assets, \$197,710.58; Liabilities, \$127,82.87 leaving meanly \$55,000 more assets than liabilities, Ex-Mayor H. Avery and M. C. Land were the ap-

Barnes Has Not Withdrawn.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 12.-(Special.) C. M. correspondent to-night, stated that the report telegraphed to the Journal from Norman that he had withdrawn from the race for the governorship was incorrect. "You can say for me," he said, "that I am in the race for the governorship to stay, and will In Rumsey and brought here, was quable not withdraw nor accept anything else," I "It simply confirms the story," said one, tious as possible.

KANSAS SENATORIAL SITUATION IS BADLY MIXED.

PREDICTING IS BUT GUESSING.

LEAD AT PRESENT.

Leedy May Be in the Race-Appointment of Fleharty for Executive Clerk Cre-

ates Trouble.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.-(Special.) The Kansas senatorial situation is so badly mixed at the present time that no guess can be made as to the result with any degree of accuracy. Two weeks ago it looked as if Breidenthal would win in a canter. That was when the victory was still fresh in the minds of the Popullsts and Breidenthal was being lionized for the magnificent campaign which he engineered. It has reached that point now where the glory of past victories won "cuts little ice." There are many places to fill and many more candidates. Each candidate has a pull of some kind on the member of the legislature from his immediate neighborhood, and the senatorial fight now hinges on the ability of the various candidates to make combinations. It was at first thought that Leedy would do what he could for Breidenthal, but there is grave danger that the governor-elect will go into the senatorial race himself. In case he does, he will have a powerful weapon to use in the way of patronage. If he does not, it is quite certain he will keep hands

Breidenthal's friends are somewha alarmed over their inability to line up some fellows that they always supposed were to play on the ice, which broke under them. all right. Then they are afraid of the complimentary vote in the caucus. They say it is liable to result in the selection of Peffer as the caucus nominee. Some of the members favorable to other candidates were disposed to give Peffer a complimentary vote, but they have been warned not to do it. Peffer's friends claim that the fight will certainly narrow down between Peffer and Breidenthal, and that there is no earthly show for the small fry.

Ed Little is surprising the natives by the strength which he is developing. Some of the most rabid Populists have signified their intention of voting for him. Ex-Congressman Harris will have con

siderable strength, and he hopes to win after a long struggle. Judge Nicholson's friends say that his only chance is for a deadlock in the cau

Judge Dennison will go in with som votes, but it is predicted that they will soon leave him. All talk has ceased concerning the can-makey of David Overmyer or John Mar-in. This will not be a fight where the

Democrats will cut much figure The leaders of the party say that a nom-nation will be made in the caucus. Some of the candidates are longing for a break in the caucus, so that the election will be thrown into the house and senate. They No member of the house or senate who candidate for senator will be nitted to participate in the caucus. this way, every candidate will have at qual show. If candidates spring up as ast in the next month as they have in the past among the Populist members-eleceach house, there will not be en eft for a quorum at the caucus. This rule oes not set well with those candidates he party leaders say it will be strictly ad-

There are only four members of the leglature from the First congressional dis rict who are eligible to attend the sena rial caucus. State Senator-elect Harri s politics are concerned, but being a car idate for the United States senate. ire said to be pledged to Harris, while th ther two are for Breidenthal for first

It is a sort of a free-for-all race among the candidates for the votes that will be cast from the Second congressional dis-Edwin Taylor, of Wyandotte, ha rved notice on Breidenthal that he is no Dennison his second. Not many of the embers in that district have committed themselves. Ed Little will get a couple votes to begin with and may wind up w veral more. Breidenthal, Harris and

Peffer each expect some.

The hig scramble for votes is going or the Third congressional district. All or the state senators and all the represent tives in that district except one-Joi Shouse, of Chautauqua-are Populists, Altogether, there are nineteen-seven sens that claims eleven out of the nineteen to tart with. The rest will be divided among Little, King and Peffer, Senator House-colder will support the latter. Breidenthal will not get the two votes from his own

Fourth district the slate makers ive Peffer no votes, and say thatt hey will e divided among Madden. Breidenthal, little and Dennison. All of the candidates concede that Little

ill get most or all of the votes from the The Sixth district votes will be almost venly divided between Breidenthal and larris. Two may go to Peffer, and Little

show of getting a few. Peffer will get more than the lion's share the Seventh district, unless all signs I. Dennison will get a few, including ewelling's vote. Breidenthal also expects

MR. FLEHARTY'S RECORD. Governor-Elect Leedy's Executive Clerk Is a Disbarred Lawyer From Larned.

Larned, Rus., Dec. 12-(Special.) Indig. nation runs high in Populist circles to-day on account of the appointment of Rev r. B. Fleharty by Governor-elect Leedy as executive clerk in his office. Party leaders already. Elcharty is none other than the attorney who was disbarred by Judge Vandivert about eighteen months ago. He was assistant county attorney of Pawnee cou ty at that time, and was disbarred for collecting illegal fees. He took an app the supreme court and the case is still pending. After Fleharty was disbarred, he became a Campbellite preacher and now has during the recent campaign. Topeka, Dec. 12.—(Special.) The appointment of F. B. Fleharty as executive clerk has stirred up the animals in the Populist

show. It leaked out to-day that he was

the disbarred lawyer of Larned and the

that our party is made up of the rag-tag

"It also calls the people's attention," said another, 'to the old story of the desire on the part of the Populists of a Western Kansas county to hang their nominee for county atterney because it was discovered that he was a lawyer. He escaped punishment and was elected because he told them that he was a lewyer once but that he had been disbarred." .Mr. Leedy made the appointment know-

ing Fieharty's record. "I investigated the charges against Mr. Fieharty," said he, "and became convinced that there was nothing in them."

TOUGH ON MR. MURPHY.

Likely to Lose the Office He Has, as Well as the One He

Hopes For. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.-(Special.) A fu sion deal has been entered into between the Mack Love crowd of silver Democrats and the sound money Democrats. This deal is not for the purpose of getting offices-just the opposite. It was arranged for the sole purpose of giving Ed Murphy, of Leavenworth, the "double cross." Love, as chair man of the silver Democratic state central committee, has agreed to prevent Murphy's appointment as state insurance commissioner, while the sound money Democrats have promised to see that he is removed a deputy collector of internal revenue for the district of Kansas. The silver crowd must perform its work first, and then the administration crowd will begin its labors. This scheme leaked out to-day. Love cleams to have the direct promise of Governor-elect Leedy that Murphy shall not be appointed insurance commissioner. But the sound money Democrats will not make a move on what Love says. They will wait until after the commissioner is

The cause of Love's oppositon to Murphy was told in the Journal the first of this week. The sound money Democrats are on his trail because he is attempting to get into the free silver band wagon while hold-ing a federal office. His position in the col-lector's office is in the classified list, and the fight against him will be made before the civil service board. A big lot of evi-dence has already been collected, and at the proper time will be sent to Washington The managers of this rather peculiar fusion deal feel absolutely certain that they will accomplish what they have started after-to retire Mr. Murphy to private life.

KANSAS COUNTY CHANGES.

None Contemplated Except Such as Were Noted in the Journal Weeks Ago.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12,-(Special.) As told in the Journal several weeks ago, about the only changes that will be made in Western Kansas counties at the coming session of the legislature will be the consolidation affecting about ten of them. Morton. Stevens and Seward will be consolidated, and the county seat will either be Liberal, now the seat of Seward county or Hugoton, the scat of Stevens county. Liberal will lay claim to the county seat because it is the only town that has a railroad. Hugoton is located in the center of the three counties, and its people say that on account of its central location is should be chosen. The question will be

settled by the legislature and no bloody county seat war is expected. The counties of Stanton, Grant and Has-kell will also be calculated, with Ulyssea as the county seat. Greeley county will be added to Wiching and Scott county will become a part of Lane. It is possible that Mead may be joined to Clark county. These are the only changes proposed, and

the talk of a consolidation of thirty-eight counties in the western part of the state nto four counties is pronounced a gigantic ake by all the leading member: both houses of the legislature.

DAWES' ANNUAL REPORT.

Pavors Changes in the Prohibitory Law and Repeal of Metropolitan Police Law.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.-(Special.) Attorney General Dawes gave out to-day for publication a few of the points covered in his annual report, to be issued next week He recommends the repeal of that section of the state prohibitory law which provides for the appointment of assistant attorneys general to prosecute liquor cases in a district court. He also believes that the section providing that a county attorney shall act as a detective in order to catch violators of the law should be repealed. He calls the attention of the legislature tax case. He says that the law of 1889 providing a perpetual appropriation for the state university, is unconstitutional, Whatever appropriations are made for the all other appropriations-out of the genral fund of the state. It ought no covered up under the head of a special ap-

The attorney also recommends some radi cal changes in the law governing taxation and favors the repeal of the Metropolitar

0. M. B. Lodge in Lawrence.

Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 12.→(Special.) The Lawrence in the last few days, and now has a lodge in active operation here. An agent of the order is here conducting its business, has secured a store room on ; principal street, and across the front win-dows the sign of the order has been exhibited. It is said that the Lawrence lodg has a large and growing membership.

Lay Down in Front of a Train.

Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) lanaes Guilfoyle, a prominent young farmer residing a few miles north of here, was ustantly killed by a Memphis freight train thout 2.30 this morning. He had been sick, and left his home about midnight. His hat und coat were found beside the track, and the supposed he deliberately lay in front of the senging while temporarily beautiful.

Another Would-be State Printer. Salina, Kas., Dec. 12-(Special.) J. S. Company, of this city, has given it on

if the office of state printer gets after him

He is one of the old-time Populists of this

ounty and was for several years connect ed with the Salina Union. Topeka, Kas., Dec. II-(Special.) United States Marshal Neely has accepted the res States marshal in Wyandotte county. The

marshal stated to-day that he would not

will be done by the deputy at Leaven

Leland for Pension Agent. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.-(Special.) From Leland is likely to be the next United States pension agent for this district. Le-land wants something else, but if he falls it is said that the pension agency will be

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 12.—(Special.) A mas neeting has been called for next Wednes meeting has been called for next Wednes-day evening to arrange for the reception to the incoming state administration. The inaugural ball has been abandoned, at the request of the state officers, who desire governor-elect is being censured on all ony shall be as unostentu- ment full assurance of the fact made it

NOT SLAIN IN BATTLE, BUT TREACH-EROUSLY ASSASSINATED.

BETRAYED BY HIS PHYSICIAN.

LURED ACROSS THE TROCHA AND SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

WEYLER'S THE RESPONSIBILITY

THE CUBAN LEADER INVITED TO PEACE CONFERENCE.

Spanish Were in Ambush and Slew Him and His Entire Staff When They Appeared-Cubans Declare it Will Strengthen the Revo-Intion.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 12.-Justo, Carrillo, well known in this city, a brother of the Cuban general Carrillo, has received the following letter from a trustworthy correspondent in Havana, confirming the reports of the death of Antonio Maceo and showing that he was killed by treachery: "Havana, Dec. 9 .- Dear Friend Justo:-Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff, have been murdered by the Spaniards, the Spanish major, Cirujeda, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

"Convinced that, notwithstanding his enormous army, he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appeasing his beastly instincts by coldblooded murder, and, making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis of Ahumada, he planned

with the latter his hellish scheme. "Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging some plan for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there.

"To carry out the plan, the agreement was that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trocha in the section between Mariel and Guanajay to allow Maceo and his staff to pass the military line unmolested.

"Time was required to mature-these arangements, and to give them all the pearance of truth Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make them known to Weyler for his previous approval. This explains the sudden arrival of Weyler in Hayana and his prompt return to Pinar del Rio.

"The conditions and place of the meet ing having been agreed on, Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajay, without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon, he and his party were greeted by : tremendous volley from the troops of Major Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers on his staff fell with General Maceo. Zertucha is alive, because he was aware of the scheme and re mained in the rear.

"The Spaniards know where the bodies are, but are bent on feigning ignorance to

blot out the vestiges of the crime. "Havana and all Spain are rejoicing be ause, in their stupidity, they hope the war may end with the death of this leader. Far from it. The spirit of the Cubans has grown more ardent, and to-day they are resolved to make every sacrifice before surrendering their arms to their relentless tyrants. In this very province of Havana, in which our army is least numerous and has the least means of defense, the Cubans are operating with greater and greater activity, and not a day passes that we do not hear in this city the firing on Guana-

"The Spaniards may treacherously murder some of our patriots, but no earthly power can annihilate the spirit of liberty flowing, now as ever, over the Cuban peo-

Joaquin Fortun pointed out to-day the following facts, which are, in his opinion, corroborated by the statements in the foregoing letter and indicate that Maceo is really dead:

"First, La Lucha published an article last Saturday, in which it was stated that on the previous day Major Cirujeda has had an engagement with an insurgent force and killed thirty-two Cubans, not named at precisely the place in which General Macco was murdered.

"Second, the first dispatch sent from Havana reporting Maceo's death, which was received on Tuesday, stated that Major Cirajeda had previous knowledge of the sorse that General Macco was to ride. How did he acquire that knowledge? "Third, Weyler publicly attributes the

glory of the event to the Marquis of Ahumada, who has not been away from Havana. Why should not the glory be given exclusively to Major Cirujeda, who had the good fortune, if the encounter was an accident, to come unexpectedly on Maceo's party?

"Fourth, from the first, even before convincing proofs had been offered, such as-surance was expressed at the palace as indicated a preconcerted plan. "Fifth, Zertucha's previous conduct it now appears, is not altogether free from

blemish "Sixth, a manifest contradiction appears between what is said by the authorities in Havana and what the Spanish minister of foreign affairs announces in his confirm ory telegram to Minister de Lome at Washington. The Havana authorities distinctly say they have been unable to secure the body of Macco, while the tele-gram from Madrid states the body has been identified. This version was trans-

was later thought fit to conceal the truth rom the press in Havana in order to con ceal the distardly crime." Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—The Commercial-Tribune special from Jacksonville, Fla. says: J. A. Huan, agent of the Cuban junta in this city, received a long letter this noon from his confidential correspond-

ent in Havana giving full details of assus ination too foul for civilized nations of th said Huau, "Maceo is dead, but Cuba will live long. The death of no one man can crush the brave spirit of the patriots of Cuba who are lighting gallantly

The letter of Mr. Huan gives virtually the same account of the ambuseade and death of Maceo as already given by the Associated Press to night. Mr. Huau said "The Spaniards say that they do not know where Maceo's body is. They know full well. They have buried it to cover their treachery to a degree and will exhume it soon and say: 'Ah! here is the

than ever before. This will be a sad day for Spain. I do not know who will succeed Maceo, but I think it will be Colonel Rios

Rivera, a brave and intelligent soldier. The letter goes on to say that as Maceo crossed the trocha going to the place for the meeting, he passed the Spanish sentinels under Spanish protection, and that they presented arms in his bonor. Going forward some four miles from the trocha. Maceo and his staff, numbering thirty-five men and officers, came to a hillside thickly studded with small pines and underbrush. Here a Spanish outpost was Maceo sent forward his flag and in a few moments he was signalled to advance. As the party did so, hundreds of Spanish soldiers arose out of the underbrush, com-pletely surrounding the party. Major Ciruieda galloped up and demanded Maceo's

surrender.
"Never." shouted the intrepid Cuban leader, drawing his sword as he saw that he was entrapped.

"Forward, my men; death to the cow ards!" said Cirujeda. At this the Spanish soldiers poured in a fire of leaden bullets. Macco fell at the first fire and young Gomez next. The fire was continued until every man was killed except Dr. Zertucha, who, the Cubans say,

The bodies of Maceo and young Gomes were then tied to the tails of the soldiers' borses and dragged over the field so as to distigure them, as the Spaniards did not wish to have them discovered and identified It is stated that this murder leaked out

through a drunken Spanish soldier while in Havana a day or two after the assassin The Cubans here are in a state of great excitement, and swear that Cuba shall be free. Over \$2.00 was subscribed to-day for

THE JUNTA TO INVESTIGATE. Will Ferret Out the Facts Concerning

the Murder and Aunounce Them to the World. New York, Dec. 12.-Estrada Palma mad-

the junta to keep up the war with.

the following statement to-night: "I have received a telegram from my agents in Jacksonville affirming the news that General Maceo and his staff came into conflict with Ahumada, Weyler's lieutenant, and were murdered. Dr. Zertucha was

present. "The news does not surprise me, because the first reports of General Maceo's death were so contradictory that I saw mystery in them. I was inclined to believe the news false, but that if General Maceo had really been killed it was through the assassin's knife. It seems now he has been murdered "General Weyler, on addressing the from the balcony of his palace in Havana, seemed anxious to shun the responsibility of Maceo's death. That was apparent when he declared the 'victory' belonged to Ahumada It is possible his consulgan to feel the pangs of remorse

This very act of the Spanish governor proves the strength of the revolution. They cannot crush it by open warfare. They dared not face Maceo, so they had to stal After making the foregoing statement to

a representative of the Associated Press, Dr. Palma pondered awhile and then ex-claimed in the bitterness of anguish; Oh, where is the chivalry of which Spain so proudly boasts. The cowards It was announced at the junta that a thorough investigation is already on foot Every detail that can be obtained will be

laid before the world, so the whole truth may be known. on, it is said at the funta, points Dr. Zertucha, the personal physician of the lamented Maceo. He had his fulles confidence, and pretended to be an arden evolutionist. For over a year, it is known Dr. Zertucha has been persuading Macto break through the trocha, and has tinfe and again offered to show him how easily it could be done. Maceo finally acceded the members of the junta declare, ar knife met him and his devoted staff.

member of the staff who escaped death, his ready affirmation of the story of the pitched battle and his anxiety to go to Spain, it is said, are damaging sin "Discouraged?" exclaimed one of the Cu-ans, when asked by the reporter if such would be the tendency of the death of th leader on the minds of the Cubans, "Dis-couraged" No, the blow, though great, will bear fruit profitable to the car truth is spread among the soldlers in the

The surrender of Dr. Zertucha, the only

tier from Ahumada inviting Maceo to a letter from the marquis. Macthought, was a pledge of honor, and he hastened to meet the foe who wished to

ring about a peaceful termination of the

The junta makes the additional statemer

that it has been informed Mr

MACEO REPORTED STILL ALIVE. Passengers From Havana Declare the

Insurgent Leader Was

Not Killed.

Key West, Fig., Dec. 12 - Passengers by the Olivetic to-day announce that Macco is still alive. Dr. Zertucha, who claims to be his physician, betrayed him and escaped only by a miracle. He went with Maceo as far as the trocha and saw the party through safely. They were commanded by a mulatto who resembles Macco, who was trocks. Then Macco and his few follower returned to the Pinar del Rio province as went into a cabio, when the doctor report d to the Spanish. They succeeded in killing most of the party, but Macco brained the ng his clothing and effects at the cabin. Great excitiment exists here over the

KANSANS GOING TO CUBA.

Companies Being Formed at Larned and Wichits to Fight for Cuban Independence.

Larned, Kas., Dec. 12.-(Special.) Unusual excitement was created in this city to-day by the efforts of a man who claims to hall from St. Louis to enlist recruits for the Cuban army. He claims to have

WILL BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY UNDER M'KINLEY.

PLACE OFFERED AND ACCEPTED

MR. DINGLEY HAS SERVED FIFTEEN YEARS IN CONGRESS,

Is Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee-Has Been an Editor for Forty Years and Now Owns a Daily-Some Cabinet Gossip.

Washington, Dec. 12.-(Special.) The uestion as to who will be the succe of Secretary Carlisle in the treasury department has been settled. The pertfoliowas offered by President-clect Mckinley to Congressman Dingley, of Moine, and the latter has accepted it. This information is derived through a channel directly trace-

able to Mr. Dingley himself. Representative Dingley is a member of the present house, and has been re-elected to the Fifty-fifth congress by a large ma-



NELSON R. DINGLEY, JR.

jority. Although not at all gifted in physique or voice, he has for years been one of the ablest members of the lower branch of congress. He is credited with having been one of the chief architects of the McKinley bill. Reed, who halls from his state, recognized his ability by making him chairman of the ways and means committee. Mr. Dingley is the owner and ed-

itor of the Lewiston Journal.

The Michigan people believe that General Alger is going into Mr. McKinley's cabinet. The impression has become pretty strongly fixed that these five men-Dingley, of Maine; Alger, of Michigan, Payne, of Wisconsin; Gary, of Maryland, and Bliss, of New York, will get portfolion. Representative Hermann, of Oregon, it is thought, may represent the Pacific coast. It is intended that there afmil be a man from Pennsylvania by the cabinet, but the local political situation in that state ren-

ders the selection a matter of doubt.

Nelson Dingley, Jr., who is to be the next secretary of the treasury, lives at Lewiston, Mr., and represents the Second congressional district of that state in congress. He was born in Durham, Me., Feb ruary 15, 1832. His education was completed at Dartmouth college, from which he was graduated in 1855. He at once took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in the following year and opened a most promising career, but deserted it abruptly to become the editor of the Daily Journal, at Lewiston, 186. He has never severed his connection with that publication, and owns the paper to-day. He was a member of the house of representatives of Maine in 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1868, and 1872. Twice during that time he was speaker of the

In 1874 he was elected governor of the gree of LL. D., from Bates college, and wenty years later received the same dis tinguished honor from Dartmouth college, He was a delegate to the Republican naber, 1881, he was elected to congress to succeed William P. Frye, who had been advanced to the United States senate. He was re-elected as congressman-at-large o the Forty-eighth and was again elected to the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first, Fifty-second. Fifty-third, and again to the time was given a splendid majority, his pressional election in Sentember he was

STONE WILL NOT GET IT.

larger majority than ever.

Charles Higgins to Be Appointed Excise Commissioner at St. Louis,

Which Pays \$30,000. Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 12-(Special.) There is now scarcely a bit of doubt but that Governor-elect Stephens intends to drop Covernor W. J. Stone when the is handed out. This job will go to Charles Higgins. Louis Nelson, brother-in-law of Governor-elect Stephens, let the cal out Ed Butler and Senator Lancaster, For have been in almost daily attendance upon intentions be known until to-day, when freshments, they encountered Ne They naked Nelson's aid in young Butler's schaif. The governor-elect's relative heattated a moment, then said:

"I can't help you. The job has been promised to me for Charles Higgins. He did the work to deserve it." Buller and Lancaster remonstrated awhile, but finally gave up the battle, Both left for St. Louis very studently on the 2 o'clock train. This would seem to commissionership going to Governor Stone,

to Mr. Stephens, and knows whereof he said that in case complications should arise whereby Higgins could not occupy the office, he (Nelson) would take the ofand allow Hingins the emoluments. Mr. Higgins is one of the election commissioners at St. Louis. He was the chief mover in arranging the delegations that went to Jefferson City from St. Louis, all dition of excise commissioner pays \$39.000 gift of the governor.

AGREEMENT WITH CHOCTAWS. Tribal Government to Be Abolished in Eight Years.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 12-The Choctaw delegates have agreed with the Dawes com-mission for the allotment of lands and abolition of tribal government in eight ears. Townsites will be set apart and sold to citizens or non-citizens and the balance Continued on Minth Page . . . of the land equally divided amons citizens.